

# IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

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## RETURN

OF

## PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACTS, 1881 AND 1887;" "THE  
LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885-1886;" AND "THE  
PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885."

DURING THE MONTH OF

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# IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF APRIL, 1891.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," up to the 30th day of April, 1891; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1885-1886," and under "The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885."

## COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

### I.—FAIR RENT.

#### (a.) In Court.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	171,203		Rents Fixed—		
Applications received in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	343		By Chief Commission to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	3,537	
			" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	10	3,547
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	8,121	171,548	By Sub-Commissions to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	135,705	
Do. in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	19		" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	921	136,626
			Dismissed and struck out—		
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	27,771	8,140	By Chief Commission to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	2,014	
Applications received in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	53		" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	11	2,025
			By Sub-Commissions to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	35,314	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	1,209	27,824	" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	275	35,589
Do. in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	7		Withdrawn*—		
			By Chief Commission to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	4,818	
			" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	18	4,836
			By Sub-Commissions to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	8,593	
			" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	27	8,620
		1,207			
Total, . . . . .	—	208,719	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	191,143

#### (b.) Out of Court.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 33, fixing Fair Rent to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	107,963
Do., do. in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	341
Total, . . . . .	108,304

\* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be refused, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.\*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	1,143		Number disposed of to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	1,914
Applications received in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	7	1,150	" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	16
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	27			
Do. in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	—	27		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 81) received to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	992			
Applications in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	—	992		
Total, . . . . .	—	2,169	Total disposed of, . . . . .	1,930

\* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, for rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

## III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTER TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXERCISED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2.)—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,† . . . . .	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Mar., 1891, . . . . .	22	
		" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	—	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Mar., 1891, . . . . .	26	
		" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	—	26
		Applications withdrawn or compro- mised to 31st Mar., 1891, . . . . .	3	
		" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	—	3
Total, . . . . .	55	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	51

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

## IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 82.

Number of Applications received to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	9	Applications granted to 31st Mar., 1891, . . . . .	—	
" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	—	" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	—	
Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	3	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	7	
" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	—	" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	—	7
		Applications withdrawn to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	1	
		" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	—	1
Total, . . . . .	12	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	8

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885—1886.

Applications received to 31st Mar., 1891, . . . . .	3,667	Revises fixed to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	2,399	2,344
„ in April, 1891, . . . . .	—	„ in April, 1891, . . . . .	5	
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	256	
		„ in April, 1891, . . . . .	2	258
Total, . . . . .	3,667	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	2,602

VI.—APPEALS TO FAIR RENT, &c.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st Mar., 1891, . . . . .	81,770	Number heard to 31st Mar., 1891, . . . . .	14,740	14,899
„ in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	199	„ in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	159	
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	*1,076	
		„ in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	—	
		Deduct cases reinstated to 30th April, 1891, . . . . .	1,076	
			275	801
		Number withdrawn to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	15,000	
		„ in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	204	15,264
		Total Number disposed of, . . . . .	—	30,964
		Remainder to be disposed of, . . . . .	—	6,005
Total, . . . . .	81,969	Total, . . . . .	—	36,969

\* In 645 cases the Notices were struck out because wages were not lodged as required by Rule 74, and in 431 cases because the Notices were not duly stamped. Of the former 23 cases, and of the latter 213 cases, were reinstated.

VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	20,855	£ 2,945,078
„ in April, 1891, . . . . .	423	162,476
	20,267	10,110,554
Loans sanctioned to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	19,752	8,074,129
„ in April, 1891, . . . . .	662	194,797
	20,414	6,269,126
Loans issued to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	14,457	6,235,033
„ in April, 1891, . . . . .	155	51,845
	14,612	6,286,878

## CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF APRIL, 1891.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 30th day of April, 1891.

## I. FAIR RENT.

## (a) In Court.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	24,604		Rents fixed to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	13,076	
Applications received in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	96		" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	163	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	3,584	24,603	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	2,674	13,179
Applications received in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	43		" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	6	
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	1,819	3,627	Applications withdrawn* to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	264	2,680
Applications received in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	—		" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	—	
		1,819	Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	9,029	284
			" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	26	
Total, . . . . .	—	50,348	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	9,063
					25,126

## (b) Out of Court.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 33, fixing Fair Rent to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	7,024	
Do. do. in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	2	
Total, . . . . .	7,026	

\* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## II—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	411		Number disposed of to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	156	
Applications received in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	3		" in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	1	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 81), received to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .	6	414	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Mar., 1891, . . . . .	27	160
Applications received in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	—		Transferred in month of April, 1891, . . . . .	—	
		3			27
Total, . . . . .	—	417	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	156

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, evictions or losses, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEES OR GRANTEES TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 31st February, 1891,*	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st March 1891,	—	
		" in month of April, 1891, . . . .	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st March, 1891, . . . .	6	
		" in month of April, 1891, . . . .	—	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st Mar., 1891, . . . .	—	
		" in month of April, 1891, . . . .	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st March, 1891, . . . .	—	
		" in month of April, 1891, . . . .	—	
Total, . . . .	6	Total disposed of, . . . .	—	6

\* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 31st February, 1890.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st March, 1891,	20	Applications granted to 31st March, 1891, . . . .	1	
" in month of April, 1891, . . . .	—	" in month of April, 1891, . . . .	—	1
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Mar., 1891, . . . .	8	
		" in month of April, 1891, . . . .	—	8
		Applications withdrawn to 31st March, 1891, . . . .	1	
		" in month of April, 1891, . . . .	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st March, 1891, . . . .	3	
		" in month of April, 1891, . . . .	—	3
Total, . . . .	20	Total disposed of, . . . .	—	8

Irish Land Commission, }  
15th May, 1891.

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